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Fire Hydrants

Fire can double in size every 2-3 minutes. It can take up to ten minutes for a crew to find and shovel out a hydrant covered by snow. The Engine Companies in Milwaukee carry 500 gallons of water that can be exhausted in three minutes. This leaves about seven minutes that the fire crews can be without water. The fire could double in size at least twice during this time. There can be a longer delay if the hydrant is found to be frozen or damaged. All of this can be avoided if:

- Ø Members of the public takes ownership of hydrants on their street
- Ø Hydrants are shoveled out at least 3 feet around and down to the ground and out to the street
- Ø Contact the water department if a hydrant is damaged
- Ø Do not use the hydrant for other than official use
- Ø Do not block hydrants with autos, trailers or dumpsters

If any media outlet would like be of assistance to the department and have an interview with a member of the department relating to these issues or any additional fire safety issues please feel free to get in touch with Lieutenant Brian O 'Connor at (414)-286-8968.